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Lester M. Crawford, D.V.M., Ph.D.
Deputy Commissioner
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Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Deputy Commissioner Crawford:

I urge you to develop a clear, consistent policy regarding the recall of foods with undeclared allergens, a policy that protects the millions of Americans who have food allergies.

I am an allergist who cares for many patients who have life-threatening food allergy to many different foods such as peanut, shellfish, milk and egg, etc.

I must be able to trust the accuracy of the ingredient label and know that the FDA will take action for mislabeled products in order to provide appropriate care and reassurance to my patients.

It is crucial to my patients to have ingredient labels that are accurate, reliable, and trustworthy. Equally as crucial, however, is to have FDA, the federal body in charge of food safety, to take charge and recall food items with undeclared allergens.

I am sending a copy of this letter to The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) and to my U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative.

Sincerely yours,

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